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TITLE OF INVENTION:

APPLICATOR

APPLICANT FOR DO/US:

Charles Edward BRIGHT

SERIAL NO.:

10/575,557

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April 12, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

COMPLETION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE U.S. DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE

This replies to the Notice of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. section 371 (FORM PCT/DO/EO/905) mailed March 1, 2007. A copy of FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 accompanies this response.

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FEES

II.

1. Fees for claims

Each independent claim in excess of 3	\$ 0.00
Each claim in excess of 20	\$ 0.00
Multiple dependent claim(s)	\$ 0.00

2. Surcharge fees

Surcharge set forth in Section 1.492(e), for accepting the declaration later than 20 months after the priority date in filing an application in the U.S. as a designated office \$130.00

Total fees \$130.00

EXTENSION OF TIME

III. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply. Enclosed is a Petition for a Fourth Month Extension of Time and the required extension fee.

TOTAL FEE DUE

IV. The total fee due is:

Completion fee(s) \$ 130.00 Extension fee (if any) \$1,590.00 TOTAL FEE DUE \$ 1,720.00

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ATTY. DOCKET NO.

10/575,557

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/GB04/04360

I.A. FILING DATE

PRIORITY DATE

10/15/2004

10/15/2003

CONFIRMATION NO. 8935 371 FORMALITIES LETTER

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Date Mailed: 03/01/2007

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/12/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/12/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/12/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/12/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/12/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/12/2006
- Specification filed on 04/12/2006
- Claims filed on 04/12/2006
- Abstracts filed on 04/12/2006
- Drawings filed on 04/12/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

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Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

• \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

Registered users of EFS-Web may alternatively submit their reply to this notice via EFS-Web. https://sportal.uspto.gov/authenticate/AuthenticateUserLocalEPF.html

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If you are not using EFS-Web to submit your reply, you must include a copy of this notice.

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U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
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FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)

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Applicant claims small entity st	See 37 CFR 1.27	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT	(\$)	1,720.00

Complete if Known					
Application Number	10/575,557				
Filing Date	April 12, 2006				
First Named Inventor	Charles Edward BRIGHT				
Examiner Name	Unknown				
Art Unit	Unknown				
Attorney Docket No.	02838				

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Application Type	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
2. EXCESS CLAIM FE	ES						Small Entity
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SUBMITTED BY		1 110		
Signature	Well (S	hull	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 25,075	Telephone 401-421-3141
Name (Print/Type)	David M. Driscoll			Date (lux 22, 2007

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.136. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 30 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Declaration
Signed by Adam McQuilkin

Power of Attorney signed by Adam McQuilkin on behalf of Charles Bright

Affidavit by Adam McQuilkin

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DECLARATION OR OATH

- I. No original declaration or oath was filed. The inventor Charles Edward BRIGHT is refusing to sign the required formal documents. Therefore, enclosed please find the following:
 - Declaration signed by Adam McQuilkin, Group Business Development Director of Femcare Group, on behalf of Charles Bright.
 - Power of attorney document signed by Adam McQuilkin on behalf of Charles Bright.
 - Affidavit by Adam McQuilkin attesting that Charles Bright contributed to the invention of the "Applicator" described in PCT/GB2004/004360 (U.S. Serial No. 10/575,557) during employment by, and in the course of his normal daily duties for, Femcare Limited.
 - Legal Memorandum signed by Colin Baker of Eric Potter Clarkson LLP attesting to the fact that under the circumstances that Charles Bright was employed by Femcare Limited to develop the Applicator product which is the subject of PCT/GB2004/004360 (U.S. Serial No. 10/575,557), right in the invention belong to his employer, Femcare Limited, by virtue of Section 39 of the UK Patents Act 1977.
 - Copy of Charles Bright's contracts of employment dated September 22, 2003 (unsigned) and December 1, 2004 (signed on February 7, 2005).
 - Performance Review Personal Preparation Form completed by Charles Bright in June 2003 as preparation for his three-month performance review. This documents that Charles Bright was directly involved in developing the Applicator that is the subject of PCT/GB2004/004360 (U.S. Serial No. 10/575,557).
 - Letter dated September 21, 2006 from Mr. Colin Baker of Eric Potter Clarkson LLP to Charles Bright asking him to sign the relevant document.
 - Letter dated October 20, 2006 from Charles Bright to Colin Baker saying that he did not agree to sign the documents. In this letter, Charles Bright refers to the subject of an employee's rights to compensation for patented inventions.

Under Section 40(1)(a) of the UK Patents Act 1977, the question of compensation for an employee's invention applies only to an *invention that belongs to the employer*. Thus, to the extent that Charles Bright has refused to sign the relevant documents because of an employee's rights to compensation for patented inventions, this is a *de facto* admission that the invention belongs to his employer, Femcare Limited.

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PAYMENT OF FEES

V. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,720.00.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional fees incurred as a result of the filing hereof or credit any overpayment to our account #19-0120.

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